REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the above-identified Continuing Application, claims 1-8 and 10-16 will be under active consideration in the application.

Applicants have introduced attached Figs. 1 and 2 into the application.

Figure 1 is a representative example of a heat pipe of the type disclosed and described throughout the specification. Figure 2 is a representative example of a pumped-loop system of the type generally disclosed in the specification and in original claim 3.

Applicants have amended the specification at pages 3 and 4, to introduce a "Brief Description of the Drawings" heading and section to the application, as required by the rules, and to insert reference numerals in the disclosure at pages 3 and 4 that correspond with new Figs. 1 and 2. No new matter has been introduced into the Application as a result of the introduction of new Figs. 1 and 2, or as a result of the changes made in the specification that result from the inclusion of Figs. 1 and 2. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter Figs. 1 and 2 into the Application.

Applicants have cancelled the original Abstract, and inserted a new Abstract in order to place the Abstract in proper format. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the new Abstract into the Application.

Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants have added new claims 10-16 so as to define further patentable aspects of the invention. No

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new matter has been entered into the application as a result of these additions to the application. Claims 1-8 and 10-16 are allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowability for this case. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at <u>717-237-5516</u>.

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